# *Missing and Exploited Children:*
## *New Tools and Resources for Law Enforcement*

## *Course Agenda*

**Location**:   **Massachusetts State Police Academy, New Braintree**

**Date**:   Wednesday, May 20, 2009

**Start time**:   0900 hours

**Registration**:   Contact Trooper Phil McDougall @ (508) 867-1059

**Course agenda**:

### *Overview of Missing/Runaway Children*
- The scope of the problem within Massachusetts and beyond
- Why it matters
    - Utilize case examples of how and why recovery is important
    - Other types of cases that intersect with missing /runaway cases

### *Law Enforcement's Role and Responsibility Regarding Reports of Missing Children*
- Overview of the different categories of missing children and how law enforcement's responses may differ
    - Runaway
    - Family abduction
    - Non-family abduction

- Overview of other agency responsibilities/resources (DCF, DYS, probation, etc.) regarding missing children
    - Present a systemic flow chart and how all aspects of the juvenile justice system interact

**Course agenda (continued)**:


### *Law Enforcement's Role and Responsibility Regarding Reports of Missing Children (continued)*

- Open discussion regarding the challenges law enforcement face when addressing missing children cases
    - WMS/CHINS warrant
    - Reporting and jurisdiction questions
    - Recovery issues
    - Legal authority/responsibility


### *Overview of the Massachusetts Missing Children Clearinghouse (MMCC)*
- Review of the Massachusetts Missing Children Clearinghouse website
- Identify how the MMCC can assist law enforcement with missing children cases
- Overview of Amber Alert program


### *National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)*
- NCMEC will conduct a webinar providing attendees with instruction on the LOCATER software


### *Conclusion and Registration for LOCATER Software*
- Complete paperwork required by NCMEC for LOCATER registration
- This is an information session on the LOCATER


**Note**:  The focus of this training is on providing resources in missing children cases, not on techniques for conducting a missing child / runaway investigation.